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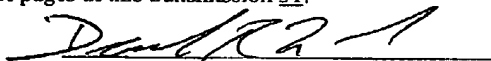
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed October 5, 2005 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper.

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